

The BOMBARDIER

<https://w3.barksdale.af.mil/thebombardier>

Proudly serving the Barksdale Community since 1932

Vol. 57, No. 35

Sept. 10, 2004

Buccaneers take their turn in Guam



Capt. Drew Smith, 20th Bomb Squadron says goodbye to his wife, Betsy, and his three children: (clockwise from top) Emma, Bennett and Will. Smith deployed early Thursday morning to Guam.

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
BOMBARDIER

The men and women of the 20th Bomb Squadron and 20th Aircraft Maintenance Unit who deployed Thursday were eager to execute their mission in Guam after preparing for the deployment for months. They will be swapping out with the 96th Bomb Squadron and will provide a heavy bombardment capability in the Pacific.

This deployment was no surprise for the Barksdale Airmen leaving. Lt. Col. Edwin Donaldson, 20th Bomb Squadron commander, had the 20th Buccaneers preparing for this deployment months in advance.

"The months of our training culminated into a two-week 'Instant Thunder' exercise at the squadron level where we simulated missions very similar to what we would be doing out there," Colonel Donaldson said. "The results were outstanding. It was a team effort from all the levels of leadership and the function from the squadron as well as the excellent support from the 20th AMU."

The 20th BS sent approximately 60 people along with 12 from the 2d Operation Support Squadron. The squadron with the largest numbers deploying to support the 20th is their aircraft maintenance unit from 2d AMXS, who sent 108 people.

Even though a high number of maintainers deployed, no equipment was shipped at this time.

"Our maintenance equipment has been in use at Guam since March earli-

er this year," explained Lt. Col. Edward Kramer, 2d AMXS commander. "Minot maintainers used from it from March to June, the 96th AMU from June to September, and the 20th AMU will of course use it from September to January."

Colonel Donaldson said that he was excited to support the theater objectives of the PACOM personally; however, those in his squadron that remain will continue to play a vital role in the Barksdale mission.

"Regardless of whether we are at Barksdale or forward deployed, our sense of purpose remains the same: execution of our mission with nothing less than the highest of Buccaneer standards," the colonel said. "The portion of people still here will be training and stay mission-ready and able to support the wing with all of its upcoming exercises. Meanwhile our deployers will be faced with an equally challenging exercise schedule while supporting theater objectives."

Colonel Kramer added that being a part of a 2d Bomb Wing means being deployed.

"Our natural state is being deployed; not operating at home station," the colonel said. "Our ongoing deployment to Guam is testament to the valuable capabilities we provide. We thrive on the opportunity to support our wing's mission, the combatant commander of PACOM and to contribute to our nation's defense."

The 96th Bomb Squadron and deployed members are scheduled to return to Barksdale this weekend.

Weekend Weather



Today
Sunny

Hi: 85
Low: 61



Saturday
Chance of thunderstorms

Hi: 86
Low: 61



Sunday
Chance of thunderstorms

Hi: 87
Low: 63

Commentary .Page 3



2BW/CCC asks vital question
Chief looks at what happens with discharging Airmen.

Feature.....Page 11



Firefighters tear it up
Base firefighters review life-saving techniques.

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours	11th Bomb Squadron	20th Bomb Squadron	96th Bomb Squadron
Goal:	253.7	128.5	196.2
Flown:	32.3	56.9	29.1
Remaining:	221.4	71.6	141.5
As of: Sept. 3	+4.3	0.0	+5.1

Welcome back 96th BS and other deployed members



Secretary of Air Force, Chief of Staff send Patriot Day message

BY AIR FORCE SECRETARY DR. JAMES ROCHE AND AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. JOHN JUMPER

WASHINGTON — On the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the world will remember those tragically lost because of the heinous actions of terrorists in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. These were attacks against freedom, democracy and humanity that carried a high human toll as citizens from the United States and many other countries lost their lives.

This Patriot Day, we honor the memories of those lost, and we pay tribute to those answering freedom's call to combat terrorism.

Your efforts over the last three years have been phenomenal. You continue to professionally safeguard the skies of America. You have dispersed al-Qaida and toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan. And, you were instrumental in ending a cruel regime in Iraq and ensuring that a new, democratic government could take root.

Our superior total force of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen continue to brilliantly answer America's call to defend peace and freedom. Our country is confident in your capabilities and proud of your service.

Unfortunately, on this, the third Patriot Day, our mission is not complete. Those who indiscriminately killed more than 3,000 people on Sept. 11, are still dedicated to terrorizing our nation and the world because we value life, believe in liberty and welcome democracy.

Let's remember those who are deployed in harm's way to defend the American way of life. And let's ensure their families are taken care of while they're away from home.

As Airmen, our cause is just and noble. Our country depends on us to stay the course.

Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force. May God bless you, and may God bless America.

Daycare program concerns addressed

Q uery: Why do you have to be enrolled in the daycare program at Barksdale to get a lower price on youth sports? It seems to me that the two have nothing to do with each other.

Response: Actually, there's a direct link between the daycare program and youth sports. A small part of the Leisure and School Age program income is earmarked for the Youth Sports program and offsets the costs associated with providing youth sports -

things like uniforms, field maintenance equipment and other materials. Essentially, children and youths enrolled in either the Leisure or School Age program have already partially supported the youth sports, and receive a \$10 discount. As an aside, the Youth Sports programs haven't raised sports participation rates in several years, despite an increase in costs. We've been able to keep prices low because of our outstanding volunteer base that helps provide coaches, team moms, field maintenance and snack bar help. Thanks for staying involved!

Vision

The 2d Bomb Wing is first ... in peace ... in war ... to victory!

Mission

Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

Vector

Total focus on mission excellence

Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork

Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

Action Line 456-4000

actionline@barksdale.af.mil

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

Key Customer Service Numbers

AAFES Admin Office . . . 741-3243	Facilities and Utilities . . . 456-3072
Base Operator . . . 456-1110	Fraud Waste and Abuse . . . 456-1000
BX . . . 752-9227	Housing . . . 456-4324
Casualty Office . . . 456-2212	Inspector General . . . 456-5049
Civilian Pay . . . 456-2741	Law Enforcement . . . 456-2551
Civilian Personnel . . . 456-4502	Legal Assistance . . . 456-2561
Claims Office . . . 456-2563	Military Pay . . . 456-4733
Clinic Patient Advocate . . . 456-6361	Military Personnel . . . 456-2117
Commissary . . . 456-8263	Retiree Activities Office . . . 456-4480
Contracting . . . 456-2113	Safety . . . 456-2569
Directory Assistance . . . 456-2252	Services . . . 456-2475
Environmental Flight . . . 456-4629	Travel Pay . . . 456-2766



Editorial staff

Col. Michael Moeller.....Commander, 2d Bomb Wing
Maj. William Manley.....Chief, Public Affairs Division
Senior Airman Andrea Knudson.....Editor
J. Manny Guendulay.....Assistant Editor
Airman 1st Class Justasia Lehmann.....Staff Writer
Airman Brandon Kusek.....Staff Writer

The Bombardier is published each Friday by Gannett River States Publishing Company, DBA The Times, a private firm in no way connected with the Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 2d Bomb Wing. This civilian enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of *The Bombardier* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or Gannett River States Publishing Company, DBA The Times, of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office. All photographs are Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated. *The Bombardier* welcomes submitted articles.

The deadline is 4:30 p.m. one week prior to publication. Submissions must be typed on plain, bond paper; on a clearly labeled computer disk in ASCII text or Microsoft Word format; or e-mailed to thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil. Submissions must include full rank, name and phone number of the author. All articles will be edited for accuracy, brevity, clarity and journalistic style and run on a space-available basis.

Staff: 456-3241/5501/1015/5502
Advertising: 459-3475/Fax: 456-5986

thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil
From government computers, use the site below
<https://www.barksdale.af.mil/thebombardier>

The Bombardier
109 Barksdale Blvd. W, Ste., 209
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110-2164



Ask yourself, where did we go wrong?

Chief looks at how good Airmen go bad

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. JOE LAVIGNE
2D BOMB WING COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Every time I review a discharge package for a young Airman who went down the wrong path I ask myself how we failed. That's right, how did we fail! You may think I'm a bit crazy — after all, it was the Airman who disregarded the standards, not us. It was the Airman who showed up late for work, not us. And finally, it was the Airman who chose to blow off the mandatory appointments, not us.

So how did the Airman ever get to the point of being discharged? After all, the Airman made it through basic training. Believe me, basic isn't the piece of cake it was when we went through it. The Military Training Instructors are tough — just ask one of the first sergeants who accompanied me to Warrior Week a few months back. The regimen is strict — the trainees (they don't earn the privilege of being called Airmen until they graduate from Warrior Week) are up at 0430, take part in physical training six days a week and work hard right up until the lights go out at night.

After earning their Airman's Coin during a very emotional Warrior Week graduation ceremony, the Airmen finish up week six in basic and head off to technical school. Granted, the reigns are loosened up a bit when they leave Lackland, but they are still held to a high standard and they have to be pretty sharp to pass the academic portion of their respective tech school.

Finally, the Airmen arrive here. Maybe they were lucky enough to have a sponsor appointed before they arrived. Maybe their sponsor actually met them (in uniform) at the airport, and maybe their sponsor took the time to sit them down and go over the standards and expectations before turning the troop loose. Maybe not.

Here's how the scenario usually plays out. The sponsor shows up at the airport in shorts and a tee shirt. It's easy to spot "their troop" because our Airman shows up proudly wearing a service dress

uniform. The sponsor walks over to Airman Newbie and introduces himself. "Bob (that's Airman Newbie's first name), I'm Dave (what the sponsor meant to say was Staff Sergeant Jones). Welcome to Barksdale!"

After gathering Airman Newbie's luggage comes the long ride to base, where Dave explains to Bob how terrible things are. After all, there are countless exercises and inspections, deployments, long hours due to many folks being deployed and not a whole lot for this 18-year-old to do off duty. Then, Dave drops Bob off at the dorms where the first person he runs into is Airman Dirtbag, who's being discharged for minor disciplinary actions. Naturally, Airman Dirtbag is the resident barracks lawyer and personnelist, and he proceeds to give Airman Newbie the "real story" about Barksdale.

The next day, Airman Newbie finds his way to his work center where his supervisor, Staff Sergeant Jones, is proudly wearing his new designer sunglasses with the fluorescent orange logo emblazoned on the frame. "Dave" introduces "Bob" to everyone in the work center, and after some in-processing actions they all head off base in their BDUs for lunch at a nice sit-down restaurant. Airman Newbie seems confused, because there are lots of civilians in business attire, and he remembers being told that BDUs should only be worn off base for short convenience stops or to fast food restaurants and establishments where similar attire is worn. No worries, because according to his supervisor, this is the "real Air Force" and Airman Newbie needs to forget all that stuff he was taught up until this point in his short, yet structured, career.

If this seems far-fetched to you, wake up! It happens every day, and that's where we fail our young Airmen. So, how do we fix this problem?

First, start our troops off on the right foot. Be a great sponsor to them; help them get settled into their new surroundings; turn challenges into opportunities. In other words, meet them at the airport in uniform; let them know they are part of the best, and busiest organization in the world. Tell them that although they will be extremely busy, they will be contributing to an organization that's been rated Excellent and Outstanding, and we need them to give 100 percent effort if we hope to maintain those ratings.

Next, adopt the motto used at many technical train-



**2d Bomb Wing Command
Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne**

ing centers: "Train 'em right, train to fight." In other words, set your troops up for success, not failure. Ensure they understand their role in the upgrade training process; make sure they know who to contact if they are having trouble understanding; surround them with successful Airmen. Follow up on their progress.

Third, lead by example. Ensure you're in compliance with our dress and appearance standards; run a brush over your boots; replace the "world tour" t-shirt you wear with your BDUs with an authorized one; comply with the spirit and intent of our instructions. Make sure you're living up to the roles and responsibilities for your current grade as they are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2618, the Enlisted Force Structure.

Finally, help them understand they are Airmen 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. That means 100 percent compliance with standards 100 percent of the time, not just when they are at their work center.

If after all this your Airman still doesn't get it, then help them out the gate and back into civilian life. You can do so with your head held high, knowing you were the solution to their problems, not a part of their problems.



Barksdale CFC kicks off Monday

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Barksdale's 2004-2005 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off Sept. 13 and is scheduled to run through Oct. 22.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. This annual fall fund-raising drive allows more than four million federal employees to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

The CFC mission is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Last year, federal workers donated \$250 million during the campaign, with more than \$157,000 of that amount coming from Barksdale, said Maj. Barry Hill, 2d Medical Operations Squadron popula-

tion health flight commander and installation CFC project officer.

"Our goal this year is to raise \$165,000, that's less than \$2 per person on base a month during the campaign," Major Hill said. "It's important to show support for our community. Donating is a way for us to help in a different way and give back to our community."

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone, according to officials.

"Pretty much anyone, as long as they are federal employees, can donate to a charity with in the CFC," said Maj. Hill.

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

Visit the Combined Federal Campaign Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc or contact a squadron representative for more information. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Barksdale CFC representatives

2d Bomb Wing	Capt. Keisha Jones-Joseph
Command Post	Staff Sgt. Sanita Freeman
2d Comptroller Squadron	Airman John Hudgeons
2d Mission Support Group	Master Sgt. William Skidmore
2d Civil Engineer Squadron	1st Lt. Barney King
2d Communications Squadron	Tech. Sgt. James Jewell
2d Security Forces Squadron	2d Lt. David Temple
2d Mission Support Squadron	Staff Sgt. Kellie Wilson
2d Services Squadron	Tech. Sgt. Sheila Robinson
2d Contracting Squadron	2d Lt. David Celestine
2d Logistics Readiness Squadron	Master Sgt. Lester Lee
2d Medical Group	Capt. Nicola Hill
2d Operations Group	Staff Sgt. Rachael Breazeale
96th Bomb Squadron	1st Lt. Eric Guterrez
20th Bomb Squadron	Capt. Melvin Green
11th Bomb Squadron	Staff Sgt. Rachael Breazeale
2d Operations Support Squadron	Tech. Sgt. Randy Sabin
2d Maintenance Group	1st Lt. Gerald Davis
8th Air Force	Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Miller
917th Wing	2d Lt. Terry Rosenbalm
49th Test and Evaluation Squadron	Capt. Steven Yanyecic

New in-brief procedures for those returning

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
JUSTASIA LEHMANN
THE BOMBARDIER

A new post-deployment procedure for returning Barksdale members was put in place and began Aug. 9, said Capt. Greg Boschert, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron.

During the 30-day window between Air Expeditionary Force cycles, there will be a mandatory post deployment in-brief for members returning from deployment.

"The in-brief is for those members returning who were deployed outside

the continental United States in support of Air Expeditionary Force or contingency including Guam," Captain Boschert said. "These post deployment in-briefs will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in Hoban Hall."

The in-brief is similar to when members go through a pre-deployment line, Captain Boschert said.

A table will be set up inside where the personnel readiness unit can get a complete accounting of every member attending the briefing.

After check-in, the members will be directed to seats in the front of Hoban

Hall. Once everyone is seated, Life Skills will begin their return briefing.

Following the Life Skills portion, members go to all the stations set up inside the hall. Members will work their way systematically through the stations in a single-file manner until they reach the final station, where the Chaplain is located.

The stations should be set up in the following order: medical including lab and public health, finance, family support and family advocacy, legal and chaplain.

When the member completes the stations, they will be met by their respec-

tive unit deployment manager or squadron representative. The members' supervisors or commanders will be on hand to sign travel vouchers. Squadron commanders or their equivalents will need to be on hand to add the final checklist signature. The UDM or squadron representative will be responsible for collecting the completed checklists and ensuring they are entered into the members' personal information file.

Colonel Moeller or Colonel Woodie will attend each in-brief to welcome members back and thank them for what they have done, Captain Boschert said.



Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez/AFP

Picking up the pieces: Members of the 45th Hurricane Recovery Team at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., secure debris scattered on the base's runway in an effort to establish flight operations Sept. 6 after Hurricane Frances hit the base and the surrounding community.



Volunteers needed:

Organization that helps CDC teachers could use some help

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
BOMBARDIER

For the past 15 years, the Parent Advisory Committee has been helping the teachers and caretakers who run Child Development Center and the youth center, but lately low participation is impeding its ability to help.

The PAC recognizes the people at these base organizations through fundraisers such as bake sales and other events. The proceeds then are presented to the workers at the centers as pizza luncheons and new equipment for classrooms.

Staff Sgt. Alice Shryock of the 2d Mission Support Squadron is one of only six active PAC volunteers. Sergeant Shryock is just like the other 250 families who utilize the two facilities — she works long hours with the military and trusts that her children are in good hands while she's at work. She helps the PAC not because of an EPR bullet, but because she knows the people she helps deserve it.

"These individuals spend more time with our children on a daily basis than we, the parents, do," the sergeant said. "For example, I drop my kids off in time for me to get to work by 7 a.m., and on a good day I pick them up by 5 p.m. That's over ten hours a day in a childcare facility — five days a week. We get home at 5:15 p.m. and my kids are asleep by 9 p.m. on a good night. With the hectic operations tempo at this base, I want to ensure the caretakers of my children are well taken care of and appreciated. The PAC does just that."

Unfortunately, recent participation in the committee, which meets the first Thursday of the month at 5 p.m., has been rather low and the group's six active members have a hard time making a difference for those they seek to help.

Mrs. Betsy Welch, the PAC liaison with the children's organizations, believes that the upcoming elections are an opportunity for new members to come in and make a difference.

"It is about time for the PAC to have officer elections not



J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

Child Development Center teacher Mrs. Rosa Opie teaches a group of two year olds how to wash up after themselves on Wednesday afternoon. Pictured with Mrs. Opie are Carlee, daughter of Staff Sgt. Kristopher and Christina Russ, 2d Security Forces Squadron; Jonah, son of Capt. Eric and Tamitha Zook, 2d Operations Squadron; Isaac, son of Staff Sgt. James and Krista Peterson, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and Gavin, son of Brett and Bridget Knowlton, 2d Munitions Squadron.

because the current officers are not doing their jobs, but because they've held their positions for two years now," Mrs. Welch said. "If we could get some new blood in, perhaps we could come up with some new ideas to help the teachers."

Sergeant Shryock added that parents' involvement is essential to the CDC and YC because it keeps parents involved with their children and their daily activities.

"The possibilities of the PAC are endless, but we need the support of our parents," said Sergeant Shryock. "Get involved — if not for you, then for your kids. Don't wonder what's being done for your children's teachers ... find out."

For more information about the PAC, its role with the CDC and the YC, or when the upcoming elections will be held, call Betsy Welch at 456-1081.

New AEF cards to be issued

BY 1ST LT. SARAH SMALL
AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — The Air Force chief of staff directed all major command officials to issue air and space expeditionary force identification cards before the beginning of Cycle 5 in September.

Card usage ended during the height of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom because six to eight AEFs were deployed at the same time, said Col. Vincent Wisniewski, AEF Center vice commander.

Reissuing the cards will link every Airman to assigned deployment windows within Cycle 5.

The information on the cards provide predictability and stability by allowing Airmen to plan around deployments to schedule leave, professional military education and temporary duties, said Chief Master Sgt. David Mimms, superintendent for AEF matters at Air Force headquarters and deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

The front of the card tells Airmen their assigned AEF pair, and the back shows the new 20-month cycle chart, which begins in September.

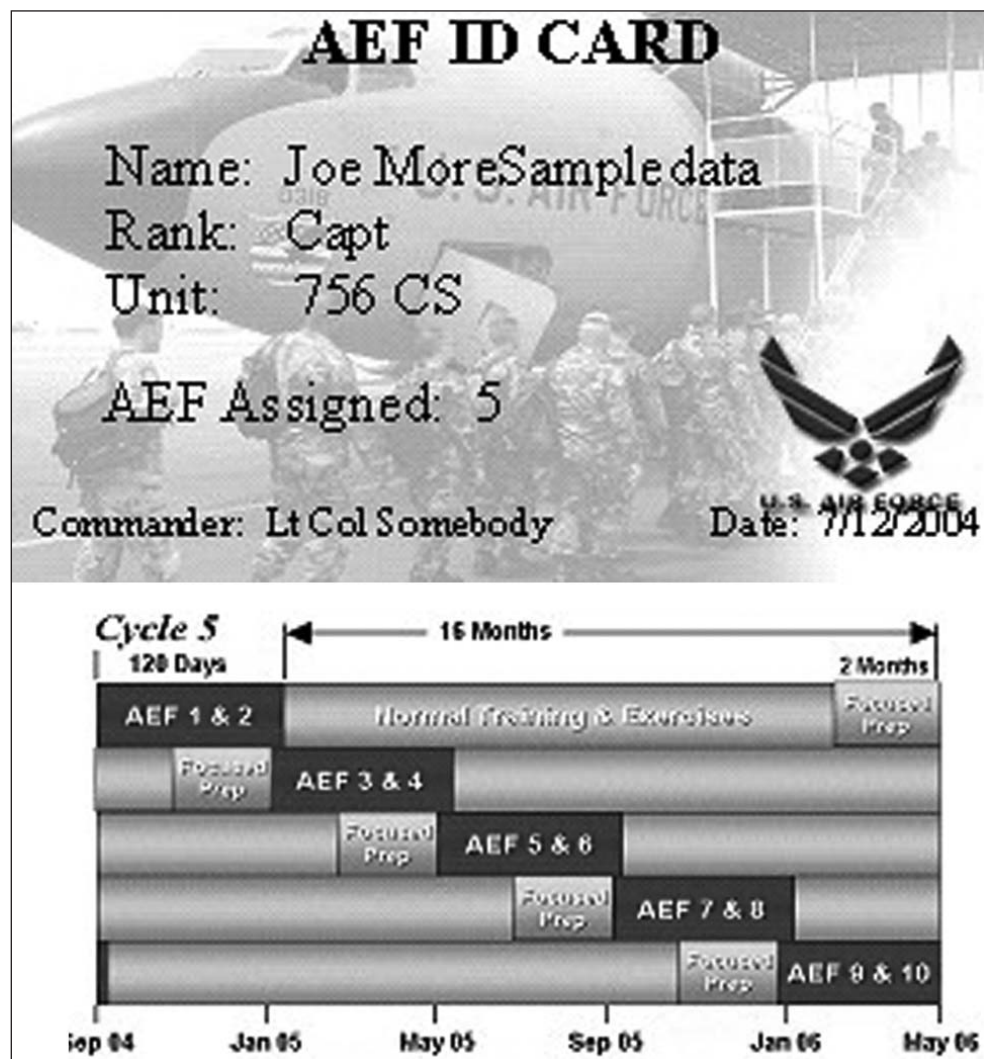
Some low density/high demand forces

and stressed career fields may be postured in several AEFs as needed for extended tours, Colonel Wisniewski said. These forces are considered "enabler" capabilities. Because of the higher operations tempo required for these forces, they may not rotate on the normal four-month schedule. The affected major command and air reserve component officials are working to determine the best way to issue cards to Airmen in enabler billets.

Airmen who do not fall into the enabler category are assigned to one AEF during an AEF cycle, as required by Air Force Policy Document 10-4, Chief Mimms said. To add discipline to this process, a major command vice commander waiver is required to move an Airman from one AEF to another.

"One of my top priorities is to ensure the AEF culture is as clear and predictable as possible for all Airmen," said Brig. Gen. Stephen Hoog, the center's commander. "Reissuing AEF ID cards is one way we can do that."

The AEF ID card template and implementation guidance are posted on the center's secure Web site at <https://aef-center.acc.af.mil/>. The Web site can only be accessed from a dot-mil computer. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



The new card will provide information to Airmen about when they will deploy and when they will return.



News briefs

Enlisted combat dining out

Tickets are on sale for Barksdale's Enlisted Combat Dining Out scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the field adjacent to the commissary. Tickets cost \$4 for E-1 through E-4 and \$7 for E-5 and above, and can be purchased through first sergeants no later than Tuesday. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and baked beans will be served.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul LaFlame will be the guest speaker. Uniform for the dining out is BDU or DCU; civilian spouses may wear BDUs provided the rank is covered up, otherwise civilian attire is black shirt and jeans. Gift certificates worth \$50 minimum will be awarded for best dressed and the most spirit.

Retirements

Master Sgt. Wendy Smith

Master Sgt. Wendy Smith, 608th Strategic Operations Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony at the Officers' Club ballroom today at 1 p.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Staff Sgt. Kim Owens at 456-7875 for more information.

Master Sgt. Julis Flye Jr.

Master Sgt. Julis Flye Jr., 608th Air Communications Squadron, retires after 23 years of dedicated service during a ceremony in the General Dougherty Conference Center at 10 a.m. Sept. 17. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Joey Mincey at 456-1227 for more information.

Tech. Sgt. Terrie Delahaya

Tech. Sgt. Terrie Delahaya, 344th Recruiting Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. at the 8th Air Force Museum. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Survey

Air Combat Command services is conducting a survey to determine if some temporary lodging facilities units should be set aside as pet-friendly. The survey is for active duty Airmen, both pet and non-pet owners. Current Air Force guidelines restrict pets from being housed in base lodging; however, a year-long test is being conducted at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to determine the feasibility of a change in policy. The survey can be found at http://ice.disa.mil/survey_library/go.cfm?Pets.

Closures

2d Munitions Squadron

The munitions storage area is closed for a 100 percent semi-annual inventory through Sept. 17. Munitions support will not be available during this time. Only emergency situations will be addressed during the inventory and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Call an account custodian or Staff Sgt. James Davis at 456-1182 for more information.

Legal office

The claims division at the base legal office will close Sept. 20-30 for end of year funds close-out. Any matters concerning personal claims must be handled before Sept. 20 or after Sept. 30. The claims office will not accept any claims within those dates except ones that will reach the two-year statute of limitations for filing within those dates.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Barksdale group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel One annex. Call Jeff at 208-0065 for more information.

Volunteer opportunity

The Louisiana Home Front Celebration seeks volunteers for the daylong recognition of the State's armed forces. Volunteers are needed for hospitality, ceremonies, logistics, communications, liaison escorts, lodging, parking, parade, carnival, sanitation, entertainment and greeters in costume. Persons interested can choose three areas of interest and event committees will direct the area of assignment. The celebration is scheduled Sept. 25. Interested individuals can call Miss Tresa Hess at the Fort Polk Public Affairs Office at 318-531-4045 or visit the Fort Polk Web site at www.jrtc-polk.army.mil and follow the Louisiana Home Front Celebration link to obtain a volunteer form.

Louisiana Home Front Celebration 2004

The Louisiana Home Front Celebration is scheduled Sept. 25 in Leesville and includes a parade to honor and recognize service men and women that will involve military marching units and bands. Events will continue with celebrity entertainment, hometown community carnival activities and much more. Call Miss Joy Cryer at 318-293-2444, Miss Paula Schlag at 318-531-2011, or Miss Shelby Sarver at 318-531-1860 for more information.

ALS graduation

The Airman Leadership School class 04-G graduation banquet is scheduled Sept. 23 at the Enlisted Club. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Attire for the event is mess dress for officers, mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted and casual evening wear for civilians. Reservations can be made by calling the school at 456-3298, or by contacting one of the students in the class.

ALS drill presentation

Airman Leadership School class 04-G hosts a drill presentation Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. on the drill pad located in front of the academic building. The three seminars will perform mandatory drill movements with a flare of their own.

ALS

Airman Leadership School class 04-H begins Sept. 29. Students should report to the ALS auditorium no later than noon. Uniform of the day is any blues combination. Students will be required to have all combination blues uniforms for the duration of this course. Appropriate outerwear is also required. A spouses orientation is scheduled that afternoon at 12:10 p.m. in the ALS auditorium. Any eligible student may bring their spouse for a briefing about the program.

Hispanic heritage committee

The Hispanic heritage committee meets every Wednesday in preparation for this year's Hispanic heritage month observance Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. Meeting time is 2 p.m. in the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron conference room. Contact Senior Master Sgt. Rudy Ruelas at 456-8479 for more information.

First Friday

The next Barksdale First Friday is scheduled today at 4 p.m. at the enlisted club. The first 25 members to show up and join the club will receive \$20 cash on the spot. Food, drinks and music are scheduled. Call Mr. Paul Gotshall at 456-4467 or 2d Lt. Maclin Williams at 456-5679 for more information.



Posturing plan to produce more capable Air Force

BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON—The major worldwide troop movement unveiled Aug. 16 by the president will result in a service that is better able to meet the needs of warfighting commanders, Air Force planning officials at the Pentagon said.

While most of the 70,000 servicemembers who return from overseas to the United States will be Soldiers, the Air Force has played a major role in the integrated global presence and basing strategy, said Lt. Col. Keith Cunningham, former deputy chief of the Air Force strategy and integration division.

“The Air Force fully supports the secretary of defense and combatant commanders’ requirements,” Colonel Cunningham said. “This basing strategy will strengthen the Air Force’s ability to respond rapidly with agility, precision and lethality.”

The key is improving capabilities, not preoccupation with troop strength, the colonel said.

“We used to measure capability in sheer numbers of troops,” he said. “We (now) measure it in a lot of different

ways. We’re very capability-focused. We probably have more capability in some areas of the world than we ever had, but we have less troops there.”

Major Air Force installations in Germany would be untouched by the reduction plans, said Gen. Charles F. Wald, deputy commander of U.S. European Command.

The Air Force is not moving forces as dramatically as the Army is because it already has, Colonel Cunningham said. The Air Force’s major transformation began in the early 1990s, shortly after Operation Desert Storm, when the service relocated thousands of Airmen and several weapon systems.

“The president said (the military) is more responsive (if based) at home,” the colonel said. “To do that, we need to invest more in the ability to get our forces to where we want them — through the mobility system, to forward-operating sites and into cooperative security locations.”

While the plan is specifically designed to increase capability and flexibility, Colonel Cunningham said individual servicemembers would see quality-of-life improvements as well.

“Military members can expect more time between deploy-

ments and more notice of when they will deploy,” he said. “That shift will give them better predictability and quality of life. That’s how this will affect the Airman on the street.”

The entire program may take more than 10 years to complete, Colonel Cunningham said.

“It’s very complicated, in that there are moving parts all over the world,” he said. “Some, with higher priority, will happen soon. Others will be phased over time.”

Another complicating piece of the puzzle is where to put a lot of these homebound servicemembers.

There are base realignment and closure implications, Colonel Cunningham said.

“We have all these troops coming back to the United States, but where are they going to go?” he asked.

The colonel said BRAC and basing strategy “are two sides of a coin,” as a senior defense official said in a press briefing after the president’s announcement.

“This new plan is a good thing,” Colonel Cunningham said. “We’re supporting the combatant commanders and posturing our forces to better meet the challenges of the future.”

Hooking it up: Staff Sgt. Dustin Underwood, 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 36th Air Expeditionary Wing, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, performs routine maintenance after a B-52 training sortie Sept. 7. Sergeant Underwood is deployed with the 96th Aircraft Maintenance Unit from Barksdale and is helping to provide global reach and global power to the Pacific Theater.



Airman 1st Class Kristin Ruleau/36th CS



Master Sgt. Mike Ammons/86 FWS

A formation of the 325th Fighter Wing F-15 Eagles and an F/A-22 Raptor fly above Panama City, Fla. The Raptor will eventually replace the F-15 Eagle in the Air Force inventory.

Raptor has big shoes to fill

BY CAPT. CHRIS KARNS

325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — With air dominance training under way here, the Air Force's newest asset, the F/A-22 Raptor, is proving its worth every day as it nears initial operational capability.

The Raptor will eventually replace the F-15 Eagle, an aircraft with an undefeated 104-0 combat record, according to Brig. Gen. Larry New, former 325th Fighter Wing commander. The general said that combat record will continue with the addition of the Raptor to the Air Force team.

While the Eagle's record speaks for itself, 30-year-old technology can only extend that record so much farther, said Col. Timothy Merrell, the 325th Operations Group commander and a new F/A-22 pilot.

Some foreign fighters currently match or exceed U.S. fighter capabilities, and today's F-15s and F-16 Fighting Falcons cannot penetrate the double-digit surface-to-air missile threat without losses, Colonel Merrell said.

"Adversaries are not standing still and weapons continue to evolve and improve, as does the quality of pilots being produced by other nations," he said.

Even the most seasoned Eagle pilot will tell you that despite its impressive track record, the technological gap has closed, and the need for the Raptor is real, said General New, an F-15 pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours.

"Just because the Warsaw pact dissolved and the Cold War ended doesn't mean threat capabilities don't still exist, or continue to exist and advance in the future," he said.

"The Raptor brings on the next generation of applying technology to war fighting, putting our aircraft two generations ahead of any threat and removing us from our current status of weapons system parity," the general said.

"Raptor technology combined with realistic training will provide air dominance, under which all other military actions become possible."

The Raptor combines the best attributes of current fighter aircraft with stealth, maneuverability and supercruise, the ability to reach and sustain supersonic speeds without the use of afterburners. Combine these attributes with the Raptor's avionics system, which integrates data from several sources for the pilot to view on one easy-to-read display, and you have an aircraft which gives pilots

a first-look, first-shot and first-kill capability, Colonel Merrell said.

Even with the F/A-22's capability, ensuring Airmen can meet evolving threats is critical to mission success, General New said.

"We're approaching Raptor training with an open mind to fully develop its potential," General New said. "Realistic training, combined with the best-fielded equipment our nation can provide, gives us a capability superior to the adversaries we've faced in conflict."

Tyndall's 43d Fighter Squadron is training all future F/A-22 pilots. Since the base received its first F/A-22 in September 2003, Tyndall pilots have flown nearly 250 cumulative hours and more than 253 sorties in the Raptor as the aircraft moves closer to initial operational capability.

But pilots are not the only Airmen raving about the Raptor. Maintainers are finding the Raptor's new technology a quantum leap over the legacy systems of the past.

"The Raptor [contains] fourth-generation stealth technology and has a fully integrated avionics suite, yet it remains the most maintenance-friendly airplane ever," said Capt. Rognald Christensen, the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit's officer in charge.

One maintenance-friendly feature is the portable computer that hooks directly into the aircraft. It enables maintenance crews to conduct operational checks on the ground, eliminating the need to get into the cockpit during engine runs. It also contains a library of 1,300 technical orders.

Integrating technical orders with maintenance tasks ensures fingertip access to information and that each step is completed correctly before allowing the maintainer to proceed, Captain Christensen said.

Easy access to components is another feature. On other aircraft, changing components is not a maintainer-friendly experience, said Master Sgt. Richard Street, the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit section chief.

"On the Raptor, I don't have to remove one component in order to reach another," Sergeant Street said.

"We owe it to future generations to give them new things to work with and the opportunity and responsibility to take those new things and deliver effects in ways we never thought of," said Lt. Col. Mike Stapleton, 43rd Fighter Squadron director of operations. "The F/A-22 will do just that and more." (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Tearin' it up

Base firefighters train with locals

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

The Barksdale fire department worked in conjunction with the Bossier City Fire Department to complete a vehicle extrication training refresher course.

Barksdale looked to the Bossier City Fire Department to complete their vehicle extrication training.

"We have always had a good working relationship with the local fire departments and we thought it would be a good thing to ask them to assist us with this training," said Master Sgt. Michael Belfer, B-shift station captain.

"We were finishing an Emergency Medical Technician Basic course and the Bossier City Fire Department provided the vehicles and training to assist our guys with this requirement," he explained.

The Bossier City and Shreveport Fire Departments have helped with previous EMT training for Barksdale's firefighters.

"It's not that we couldn't do this training on the base. However, the Bossier City Fire Department does this training on a more frequent basis plus they have better access to vehicles from various junk and salvage yards," sergeant Belfer said.

The refresher course provided Barksdale firefighters the opportunity to work with tools that most members hadn't used since their technical training school.

"We've done this training before," said Senior Airman Joseph Cabibi, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter. "It was a good refresher to get re-familiarized with the tools again for me since I have not used the tools since tech school."

Although the firefighters continue to stay ahead of the game with their training, nothing immediate has been planned with off base departments for future learning opportunities.

"There's nothing on the books for training plans in the immediate future, but it's not to say we won't be training together again," Sergeant Belfer said.



Left: One of the Bossier City firefighters shows some of Barksdale's firefighters how to properly use some of the tools to open a door that may be jammed shut due to an accident. Barksdale firefighters then went in teams to work together and get 'victims' out of the vehicles.

Inset: The tools Barksdale firefighters used crunched specific areas like the door of this older Ford pickup as if they were soda cans so they could get into the vehicle and extricate a 'victim.'

*Photos
by
Airman
Brandon
Kusek*

Right: Airman 1st Class Jason Martinez helps fellow team members extract a 'victim' during their extrication training at the Bossier City firefighter training facility. Airman Martinez is a firefighter with the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron



A firefighter from the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron knocks the glass from the back window of one of the vehicles used during their extrication training. The glass is the first thing knocked out before prying open the door to prevent people who may be trapped in the vehicle from getting cut by flying glass.



Airman 1st Class David Turner works with a fellow 2d Bomb Wing firefighter to secure the neck of the lifelike dummy used for the extrication training. Communication is key during this type of life-saving technique because members must stabilize the injured person to prevent further injury. Airman Turner is a firefighter with the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron.



Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Football Party

Monday at 6 p.m., meet the Miller Lite girls and win prizes while enjoying the Green Bay Packers versus Carolina Panthers football game at the enlisted club. Guests who come will be entered for a chance to win a trip to the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, an X-box, an I-pod or a big screen television. Guests also get the first drink free with the purchase of the buffet. One dollar Miller Lite draft and \$1.50 Miller Lite longnecks will be available.

Nightly bar bingo

Each night at the enlisted club play bar bingo for \$500 cash at 6 pm. An additional game will be played and a cash consolation prize will be awarded nightly.

During the month of September, players may buy two cards and get a third card free. Stop by the enlisted club for a chance to win big.

Monday Two-for-One Lunch

Members can enjoy the MEGA buffet with a friend Mondays at the officers club. Bring a guest and the second meal is free. Non-members pay \$6.95. The buffet includes soup, salad bar, drink and dessert.

Retired Member Fridays

The club salutes its retired membership every Friday night. Retirees buy dinner and get a second meal at half price.

Wednesday Steak for Two

Enjoy two steak dinners Wednesdays at the officers' club for only \$12.95. Dinner is open to all ranks and starts at 5:30 p.m. in the officers club dining room.

Saturday prime rib

Enjoy prime rib for two each Saturday for only \$19.95. The meal includes choice of starch and vegetable of the day, au jus and horseradish sauce.

Bingo jackpot

The bingo jackpot for Thursday was \$700. Early bird bingo and the buffet begin at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is \$5.50 for nonmembers and \$4.50 for club members. Jackpot bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and all ranks are welcome. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack.

Monday Super Bingo

Starting Oct. 11, the enlisted club hosts Super Bingo Mondays at 7 p.m. in the ballroom. Multiple games and thousands of dollars in cash will be available to win weekly. The program is open to all ranks.

New Pick-up Service

To make the customers' lives simpler, equipment rental will now pick up bro-

ken four-wheel ATVs or mowers for repair. They will also deliver the repaired equipment upon completion. The fee is \$10 for deliveries under 15 miles and \$20 for deliveries 15-30 miles away, prices do not include repairs. Call 456-3426 to arrange an appointment.

ATV Tune-up

Get that ATV ready for hunting season with a tune-up at equipment rental. They change the spark plugs, check the rear end oil, clean the air filter and change the engine oil for only \$45. They can also repair non-running ATV's. Proper maintenance extends the life of the engine — protect your investment with a tune-up. Call 456-3426 for more information.

Weekend getaway

Gifts and Getaways offers a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 18-19. The trip features chartered bus transportation and lodging. Guests can visit the Hot Springs National Park, Woodland Gardens, the Hot Springs Trade Days or one of the many spas. Cost is \$99 per guest. Call 456-1866 to sign up.

Antique shopping trip

Enjoy browsing through dozens of antique shops in historic Jefferson, Texas, Sept. 25. Guests can visit the Jefferson General Store and see the old-fashioned soda fountain or tour some of the bed and breakfast facilities. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation. Call 456-1866 for registration.

Aero Club open house

The aero club hosts an open house and membership drive Oct. 15. This event provides an opportunity for individuals wanting to learn to fly. During the month of October, the Aero Club waives the \$30 initiation fee.

The club will select three winners to enjoy a free hour of flight. Certified flight instructors will be available to discuss the program. Free hot dogs and soft drinks are also available. Call 456-8179 for more information.

Cheerleading Class

Registration for a cheerleading basics class is available at the youth center. Students learn tumbling, stunting, dance and cheering techniques. Youth ages 5 years or older may participate. Classes are held Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 a month for one class a week and \$45 a month for two classes a week. Call 456-3448 for more information.

Honor guard open house

Barksdale's Honor Guard will host an open house Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Honor Guard building. Attire for the event is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilians. Call 456-5246 for more information.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Wife Lacey

Hometown: Lake Stevens, Wash.

Unit: 2d Civil Engineer Squadron

Job title: Firefighter

Job description: Crash and fire rescue

Most rewarding job aspect: Being there when people need us

Goals: To be a firefighter or paramedic back home

Hobbies: Snowboarding, wakeboarding and spending time with friends and family

What motivates my winning attitude: Getting the job done when it needs to be done

Favorite TV show: The Simpsons

Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys

Favorite book: Green Eggs and Ham

Favorite meal: Steak and potatoes

Favorite movie: Tombstone

I'm proudest of: My wife

Best day of my life: The day I found out that I'm going to be a dad

Pet peeve: Stuck-up attitudes



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman Nicholas Tastad

What I like about Barksdale most: The greenery

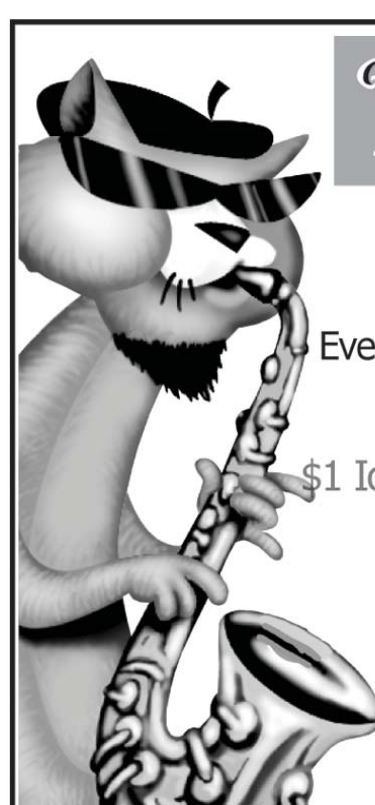
If I could change anything about Barksdale it would be: All the one way roads

The most influential person for you in the Air Force and why: The entire fire department because we're there for each other 24 hours a day, seven days a week

2d Operations Support Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:
Lt. Col. Steven Hammock
First sergeant:
Master Sgt. Kendall Martin

2d Operations Group commander:
Col. Colleen Duffy
Division motto:
"Lead the way"



Blues & Brews

Live band!

FREE admission!

Every Thursday / Enlisted Club main lounge

Ladies Night Out

\$1 Iced teas, \$1 Daiquiries, \$1 Pina Coladas

Performing...

Dan Sanchez & the Kings of Pleasure



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



"I, Robot"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 115 minutes

Cast: Will Smith, Bridgit Moynahan

Synopsis: In 2035, robots are an everyday household item and have become very advanced. Each one is pre-programmed to always obey and never harm humans and everyone trusts them, except Del Spooner. Del is a slightly paranoid detective investigating what he believes is a crime perpetrated by a robot. The case leads him to discover a far more frightening threat to the human race.

"I, Robot"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Today at 7 p.m.

Run time: 115 minutes

Cast: Will Smith, Bridgit Moynahan

Synopsis: In 2035, robots are an everyday household item and have become very advanced. Each one is pre-programmed to always obey and never harm humans and everyone trusts them, except Del Spooner. Del is a slightly paranoid detective investigating what he believes is a crime perpetrated by a robot. The case leads him to discover a far more frightening threat to the human race.



"Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle"

Rated: R

Playing: Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 88 minutes

Cast: John Cho, Hal Penn

Synopsis: Both underdogs, Harold and Kumar decide to spend what would have been an otherwise uneventful Friday night satisfying an oddly intense urge for White Castle hamburgers. However, finding a suitable White Castle proves to be a highly difficult task, and the two friends wind up on an epic road trip.

Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East
Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Mondays through Fridays, noon

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Religious education classes

Catholic religious education classes begin Sept. 12. Contact Mr. David Lay at 45-3704 for more information.

Catholic parish picnic

The Catholic parish picnic is scheduled Sept. 26 at Cullen Park at 10 a.m.

Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769

Red River Inn, 456-8367

Items subject to change

Today

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

Saturday

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs

Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

Sunday

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish

Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

Monday

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork

Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

Tuesday

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon

Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

Wednesday

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef

Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

Thursday

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken

Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnitzel

Sept. 17

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue
and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.

Reservations required for all events.

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting is scheduled Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. Families of deploying members are invited to attend this event to hear more about the mission, available services from agencies such as family support, finance, housing, child care, chapel services, legal office, casualty affairs and Tricare and to enjoy socializing with other waiting families. The meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room of the Chapel Two annex. On-site babysitting is available during the meeting. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information.

Virtual assistant training program

A virtual assistant training program is scheduled Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Virtual assistants are self-employed individuals who provide off-site business support services to their clients. Work assignments are communicated through e-mail, phone, fax, mail, diskette transfer and real-time online messaging. Candidates for the program should have a minimum of two years of administrative support experience, Internet access, a good working knowledge of basic software, a computer with a Windows 95 or newer operating system and a strong desire for employment or employment change. Participation is limited to 20 people. If an individual is a spouse of an active duty member and would like to participate in this free training program, please complete and submit the online application form by Oct. 1 at www.msvas.com/application_barksdale.htm or contact the Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information.

Budgeting class

A budgeting class is scheduled Sept. 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Learn the concept of budgeting, benefits of budgeting and how to use a budgeting tool. Topics covered include: becoming financially responsible, distinguishing between needs and wants, spending attitudes, budgeting, saving, managing and reducing debt. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to register.

Personal and family readiness briefing

Personal and family readiness briefings are scheduled Thursday and Sept. 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team is ready and able to provide information and support during this time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Parents and tots playgroup

The parents and tots playgroup is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 at the Chapel Two annex. This playgroup is for both parents and young children who need a break from their everyday routine. Participation affords pre-school children the opportunity to improve their social skills while parents network and share ideas with each other. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information.

Pre-separation briefing

Retirement or separation can be filled with anxiety, excitement and lots of questions. Better preparation can lead to a smoother transition to civilian life. This mandatory briefing will inform separating individuals of the resources available to them as they make this transition. Individuals should attend as soon as possible within the preceding 12 or 24 months. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to schedule this important briefing.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Topt: Greg Debelak, 2d Munitions Squadron, watches his putt on the playoff hole, waiting for it to go the last few inches and clinch the victory for the 2d MUNS team. They defeated the 2d Communications squadron in 18 holes Tuesday.

Right: Kevin Jones putts the ball on hole 1 at Barksdales Fox Run Golf Course as teammate Greg Debelak looks on trying to read a line for his putt. Debelak made the putt to put away their opponent, the 2d CS.

Golf Championships end dramatically

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

With everything on the line and after a long afternoon of golf, the entire golf season came down to one shot. After watching his partner miss a putt by only a few inches, Greg Debelak, 2d Munitions Squadron, drilled the same long putt on the first hole of a sudden death playoff to clinch the intramural golf championships for 2d MUNS over the 2d Communications Squadron Tuesday.

Debelak exploded with a fury of emotion after sinking the putt, which looked like it might sail past, then hit the back of the cup, jumped into the air and dropped into the hole for the win.

"I knew the shot had a chance but it was rolling hard toward the hole," Debelak said.

Debelak was joined on the 2d MUNS team by Todd Holdman, Crandle Stafford and Kevin Jones.

Members of the 2d MUNS team extended their appreciation to teammates Ritchie Broussard and Chris Wayand for their contribution and play this season.

After two close calls 2d MUNS was relieved the season ended the way it did. In the second round the team barely escaped into the finals after going into five extra holes to decide the match between them and the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron.

"It felt good to be in the finals but there were a lot of good teams out there," Debelak said.

The 2d MUNS team did not change their preparation for the championship match.

"We took it like a normal match," Debelak said. "One of our key players is deployed and that made us play a little harder, but we have a good team."

Runners-up 2d CS used a solid team foundation to go all the way to the finals.

"When you field the same four guys almost every week it makes you more confident," said Larry Hancock, 2d CS. "You know your partners' abilities and that makes you play better."

A damp course that kept the balls from rolling very far and a windy day were not enough to knock the 2d MUNS players out of sync.

"The wind affected play a little at the start but that made us play a little more conservative after the first few holes," Debelak said.

The 2d CS and 2d MUNS teams were not the only ones to receive trophies. National League champion 2d Services and runner-up 2d Mission Support Squadron received trophies for the regular season. The American League was won by 2d MUNS and followed up by 2d CS.

James Dich, Sports and Fitness center director, was pleased with the golf season and thanks everyone who participated and supported the golfers.

"This season was a lot more enjoyable and fun than previous seasons," Dich said. "There was more participation due to an earlier starting time for the regular season matches and the shotgun start style."

"A big thanks goes out to the golf course and its staff for supporting us throughout the intramural golf season," he added.



Sports shorts

Bowling Survivor league

"Reality bowling" starts Sept. 20 and runs every Monday at 6 p.m. with the bowling center's Survivor league. Individuals will use a nine pin no-tap format and all scores will be based on pin fall in the 12 week competition. After the 4th week, the total number of bowlers will determine how many bowlers will be "voted off" each week. During the last week, 6 bowlers will play to be the Ultimate Survivor. A portion of each bowler's weekly fees goes into the prize fund. The last survivor will win the total prize fund with the first and second runners up receiving prizes as well. Fees and details can be found at the Bowling Center. Call 456-4133 for more information

Bowling special

The bowling center has a new Sunday special that includes unlimited bowling for three hours and a choice of the following meals: burgers, chicken strips, hot dogs, corn dogs or grilled cheese with fries and a soda. The cost for two guests is \$29.29, the cost for four guests is \$39.95 and the cost for six guests is \$49.95. Additionally, if bowlers throw a strike when they have a red pin they win a free game of bowling.

Best ball golf championship

The best ball golf championship is Sept. 18 and 19 at Fox Run Golf Course. The tournament is played in two-person teams. Players play their own ball and record a score for

each hole. Prize money is determined by the number of participants. The cost is \$10 plus normal fees. Call 456-2263 for more information or sign up today at the golf course clubhouse.

Football skills challenge winners

The winners of the Quarterback and Receiver Challenge were: Brian Fowler and Christopher Wright, 2d Communications Squadron, with a time of 123.05. Jason Skaradzinski, 2d Maintenance Squadron, and Ronald Nobles, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, finished in second place with a time of 132.47. Fourteen teams competed in the eight passing and one running event challenge. The event was sponsored by Gatorade.